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[redacted] Talked to Mr. Blandford, House Armed Services Committee staff, who raised some questions concerning the status of an employee. [redacted] He stated he would talk to the Director later.

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Blandford also gave me a newspaper clipping charging the Agency with having carried out the kidnapping of Tsombe. I assured him this was not accurate. He said Mr. Bray had passed this to him and would we be directly in touch with Mr. Bray.

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[redacted] The Director met with Senator Joseph D. Tydings, accompanied by John S. Warner. Present from the Senator's staff were John McEvoy and Robert Burt. The Director reviewed certain of the problems the Agency had with S.1035. Senator Tydings pointed out that Senator Ervin was not agreeable to any further hearings before the Committee except in open session. The Director explained why this would be inappropriate. The question was asked of the Director what he wished the Senator to do. The Director stated that he merely wished the Senator to know at firsthand the problems that confronted the Agency as a result of this bill.

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[redacted] In the absence of William Macomber, talked with Ambassador Torbett to inform him that the Director had mentioned to Secretary Rusk yesterday evening certain problems concerning S.1035. I requested Torbett to advise me of their view and possible actions on this.

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[redacted] Talked with Frank Bartimo who is looking into S.1035 for the Department of Defense. I indicated the tactical situation on the Hill as far as we knew it. He indicated they might wish to have us participate in a review of this in the next few days.

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[redacted] Handcarried to Sam Stilwell, in the office of Senator Strom Thurmond, Admiral Taylor's letter to the Senator which was a response to the Senator's of 16 August 1967 in which he requested information on the disposition of the NSA building. I also delivered to Stilwell, a personal letter to the Senator from Admiral Taylor.

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[redacted] Advised George Murphy, Joint Committee on Atomic Energy staff, that we were in receipt of Mr. Conway's letter to the Director on the subject of Soviet re-entry vehicles. I indicated we should have a response in the near future. Murphy took this opportunity to mention that they had been advised by the AEC that three individuals (presumably intelligence types) were coming to visit the United States. He asked me to drop by tomorrow so that he could give me the names of these individuals. He wants to be sure that AEC has been in touch with us about this.

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[redacted] Received a call from [redacted] NPIC, regarding the illustrator who is interested in becoming a speech writer for the White House. (I had been previously contacted on this case by [redacted] See Journal of 21 August 1967.) I advised [redacted] as I had advised [redacted] that I thought this situation required close examination by their office to determine whether this activity was appropriate. [redacted] said they plan to do this.

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[redacted] Received a call from Senator Thurmond's office asking if we could place a former member of their staff, who will be studying at the University of South Carolina, on the mailing list for [redacted] I indicated our policy in this regard and said that the [redacted] was distributed to the Education Library at the University of South Carolina at Columbus by the Library of Congress and could be available to their former staff member there. I also indicated we could add another copy to the Senator's distribution if they desired.

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